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The Barbarous Murther of Mr. *THOMAS WHITE, Committed upon his Wife* Mrs. *DOROTHY WHITE, in the Town of* Kederminſter *in* Worceſter-ſhire.

THE ſaid *Thomas* being Heir to his Father, who was Eſteemed a very Honeſt Man, Enjoyed the Eſtate of Inheritance belonging to that Family, being known by the Name of *Lane-Green* in the Pariſh of *Auffley* in the County of *Salop*; He Married with *Dorothy* the Daughter of Mr. *Simon Potter* of *Kederminſter* in the County of *VVorceſter*, by whom he had Five Children; He was

Clerk to one Sir *Clement Clark*, belonging to the Iron-works in those parts; His Course of Life for late Years hath been very Disorderly, and Debauched by ill Company, neither regarding the Duty he Ow'd to God as his Creator, his Wife and Children, in the Relation he stood in towards them, but by the Temptations of the Devil he continued in such vitious Practices, having at last by the Abuse of Himself with lewd Women, gotten that Disease which commonly is the Consequence of Uncleanness, which proved his and his Families Ruine, for that he afterwards Infected his Wife with that foul and noisom Distemper, which when by her Discovered to Him, he Threatned Her, That if she in any way should make it farther known, he would be her Death, and that She nor her Children should never be the better for his Estate.

Thus

Thus you see a Man, who by the Laws of God and Common Natural Duty, was Bound by all lawful means to take Care for the Welfare and Preservation both of the Souls and Bodies of his Wife and Children, Contriving and Resolving the Ruine of both; She by his Threatning was deterred from the Help she might have had in time; But being not able to bear up longer under it, Removed her self to the place of her Birth, where she had the best Advice she could get, but small Hopes Appeared of any Recovery; Her Husband came to see her, but demeaned Himself very unkindly by bold and threatning words, which made her very fearful to be any more in his Company, yet afterwards when he came again to Visit her, she upon his Promises not to do her any Harm, consented to come into his Company, and

after they had sate together some time, this wicked and most unnatural Wretch, having a Scimiter by his Side, so secretly and by degrees got it out of the Scabberd, and the Point of it through the Pocket-Hole of his Coat, and as he sate close by Her, he forc'd it in at her right Breast, and through her Body, upon which she died immediately, only speaking these Words, *Thomas, Thou hast killed Me*; At which words, the Company that was in the Room were Amazed, not discerning any thing before she fell down, and the Company by their Care of her in Hopes to Help Her, had Given Him an Opportunity to Escape; But perceiving Her Dead, he was Pursued and overtaken, and by the Bailiff and another Justice Committed to the Common Goal of the said County, where he Remains a sad Spectacle

ſtacle to all Men, in Order to his Trial the next Aſſizes, after which you ſhall have a particular and faithful Account of his Deportment whileſt in Priſon, at his Trial, and what by the beſt and moſt Charitable Chriſtians is moſt Hoped for, His Exemplary Repentance.

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